

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

While not specifically illustrated, the outer sleeve 30 has a recess diametrically opposed to the recess 56 that is virtually identical to it, but diametrically opposed. The protrusion 72 is adapted to fit within the recess 56 and the opposite protrusion similarly engages the recess slot on the opposite side of the outer sleeve 30, so that when there is relative rotational movement between the inner sleeve and the outer sleeve, the angular orientation of the slot 56 will cause axial movement of the inner sleeve 70 relative to the outer sleeve ~~72~~ 30. As is best shown in FIG. 7, the inner sleeve 70 also has a pair of radially oriented inwardly extending ribs 76 that are diametrically opposite one another that are configured to fit within the slot 18 of the end portion 16 of the plunger rod 12 which prevents rotational movement of the inner sleeve 70 relative to the outer sleeve or the plunger rod 12.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

During operation of this embodiment, when a blade 14 is to be inserted into the apparatus, the apparatus is in its unclamped position which is different from the clamped position shown in FIG. 1 in that the outer sleeve ~~70~~ 30 is rotated in the counterclockwise direction of the arrow 44 so that the pin 52 is at the opposite end or left end of the slot 48 as shown in FIG. 1. Because of the biasing force of the compression spring 78 against the inner sleeve 70, when the pin 52 is at the right end of the slot 48, the force of the spring will cause the inner sleeve to be moved forwardly or left in FIG. 1 which in turn causes the outer sleeve 30 to be moved relative to the pin so that it engages the transverse extension 50. When it reaches that point, it is in the unclamped position and it will be retained in this position until a blade is inserted into the apparatus.